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HOUSE RESOLUTION 253  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew McBride upon being elected 4-H Congress Governor.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence in academics and extracurricular activities, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and the community; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Matthew McBride, a Freshman at North Side High School in Jackson, who was elected Tennessee 4-H Congress Governor at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress held in Nashville on March 24-26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, focusing on the citizenship, leadership, and public speaking programs of 4-H, the Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, since its beginning in 1948, has given approximately 27,500 4-H members and volunteer leaders first-hand experience in state government; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "4-H: Reflecting a Century of Success" marks the national centennial celebration of 4-H, a national-chartered youth organization with the mission of "helping youth develop life skills and becoming productive citizens"; and

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WHEREAS, at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Tennessee 4-H Congress sponsored by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service and the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, Matthew and his fellow 549 delegates from all across the State had the opportunity to sit in the seats of their elected officials in the state legislature and debate and vote on mock bills; and

WHEREAS, each year, one of the highpoints of the 4-H Congress is the election of officers; a district caucus is held to nominate candidates to run for Congress, Governor, Speaker of the Senate, and Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, Matthew McBride is only the second 4-H member from Madison County to hold the office of Governor in the fifty-five year history of the State 4-H Congress; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man is a valuable and active member of 4-H and has participated in many individual and community service projects; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's noteworthy achievement at the Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mark and Carol McBride, his school, his community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Matthew epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and has earned his place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this legislative body to honor Matthew McBride for his enthusiastic participation in 4-H and the Tennessee 4-H Congress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we commend and honor Matthew McBride on being elected Governor at the 55th Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress, acknowledge his meritorious service with 4-H, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.